

Rules of the Guild

1. TITLE

a. The Society shall be called "Army Guild Of Bellringers" (hereinafter called the Guild).

2. OBJECT

a. To unite Campanologists who meet the membership criteria.

3. CONSTITUTION

a. The Guild shall consist of President (Ex Officio Member) and Members.

4. CENTRAL COUNCIL

a. The Guild shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and shall observe its rules and decisions.

5. ADMINISTRATION

a. The administration of the Guild shall be vested in the Committee consisting of: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Ringing Master. The post of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

b. The officers of the Guild shall be elected at the AGM every other year. (Chairman and Treasurer year one. The Secretary and Ringing Master year two).

c. Official correspondence on behalf of the Guild is to be on Guild headed paper available from the secretary.

6. VOTING

a. A simple majority at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting Convened under the general meeting rule is required to authorise the~ following

(1) Membership to the Guild.

(2) Income and Expenditure of Guild funds.

b. Change to Guild rules.

(1) A minimum of 51% of the membership is required to authorise a change to the Guild rules. This may be made by proxy or in person at the AGM or SGM.

7. GENERAL MEETING

a. A General Meeting of the Guild shall be held annually. The meeting shall be held on the first Saturday in April, to receive reports and a statement of accounts. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time at a location to be agreed by the committee. A request to the Secretary, signed by the President, Chairman, or not less than ten ringing members of the Guild is required to convene a Special General Meeting. The Secretary shall give one month's notice to the Guild of a Special General Meeting, by posting to each person, particulars of the business.

8. MEMBERSHIP

a. Ringing membership shall be open to the following,

(1) Retired or serving personnel, of any British Army Unit including the TA and CCF/ACF Units.

(2) MOD personnel that have close links with the Army.

(3) Partners of personnel falling within the above criteria.

b. Life membership shall be conferred upon those who have completed 25 years membership of the Guild. The committee may also recommend any individual for election to life membership at an Annual General Meeting of the Guild in recognition of their services to the Guild.

c. Associate membership shall be open to non-ringers who wish to be associated with and support the objects and activities of the Guild.

d. New members may join the Guild during the year. Membership of new members is to be ratified at the AGM

- e. A membership list is to be given to each member after the AGM annotated with the Guild Officers at the top.
- f. Membership that is more than two years in arrears shall be struck off.

9. SUBSCRIPTIONS

a. Subscriptions fall due upon election and subsequently upon 1st April each year. A member who fails to pay the subscription for the New Year by the Annual General Meeting shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Guild. The amount of the subscription is £3.

10. CENTRAL FUND

- a. The Treasurer shall maintain a statement of the central account. A full report is to be prepared and submitted at the Annual General Meeting. If the Guild folds for any reason then the Treasurer is to close all accounts and submit a closing account statement and a cheque to the chairman. The cheque is to be made out to the Central Bell Restoration Fund.
- b. A banking account is to be maintained with the HSBC bank and a Ringing World account is to be maintained by the treasurer. The accounts are to be kept in credit at all times.
- c. The Chairman and Treasurer are authorised to sign cheques not exceeding the value of £100 for the day-to-day running expenses of the Guild. Expenditure exceeding this amount is to be authorised at the AGM.
- d. The account is to have two authorised signatories who will be the Chairman and Treasurer.

11. PEALS

a. Peals that are to be recognised by the Guild and have their details published in the Annual General Meeting report must be rung by bands composed entirely of members of the Guild.

12. ALTERATION OF RULES

a. No alteration or addition to the above rules may be made except at an Annual General Meeting of the Guild or Special Meeting called for that purpose. Notice of any such proposed alteration or addition must be given in writing, at least two months before the date of the meeting, to the secretary of the Guild. The secretary will inform all members of the Guild of this proposal at least one month before the aforesaid meeting. Any alteration or addition to the rules shall become effective on the following day, after the meeting.